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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **SEPTEMBER 25, 2015**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Edward Reading at 9:43 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, Committee Chair
Sylvia Lippe, LCADC, Committee Vice Chair
Jamie Lugo, CADC, Committee Member

Absent:

Norwood Allen, CADC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Nancy Miller - Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo - Executive Director
Celeste Paige - Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz - Confidential Assistant

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record, and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair Ed Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:43 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. July 24, 2015 Public Minutes

Upon motion made by Jamie Lugo, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to approve the July 24, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 1830

The Committee reviewed Senate bill 1830, to amend the Social Security Act to provide coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

Upon motion made by Jamie Lugo, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to ask that the Alcohol and Drug Counselors be added to the amendment as they were left out of the revision. Executive Director Collazo will inquire whether the Governor's office will weigh in on the inclusion of all mental health professionals. Voting in favor: all.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 2,617 active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC/ LCADC), 1,134 applications pending and 15 reinstatements.

*Pending applications include: Applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

- Executive Director Collazo congratulated Dr. Reading who is receiving the 2015 Addiction Professional of the Year from the National Association of Addiction Counselors in October.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The National Practitioner Data Bank

The Committee reviewed the August 28, 2015 email regarding impaired practitioners guidelines.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)

The Committee reviewed the letter from Vicki Michaels, Chair of the NASAC, an organization which accredits university and college level academic program on addiction studies.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

X. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)

The Committee reviewed the August 27, 2015 email forwarded by Richard Bowe, Executive Director of APCBNJ regarding Initial Certification.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service Matters (DMHAS)

No items to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **October 23, 2015** 9:30 a.m. at **124 Halsey Street, Newark**, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2015

November 20, 2015

December 18, 2015

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Jamie Lugo, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to enter Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and investigatory matters. Voting in favor: all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to adjourn the September 25, 2015 public session at 3:00 p.m. Voting in favor: all.